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Greenville Drive to Recognize Summer Readers on August 23

Greenville, SC- Over 4,600 participants reached top levels of accomplishment during Summer Reading 2010! Children and teens reading 25 hours or more earned recognition as **Drive Reading All Stars** and earned vouchers for free tickets to the **Drive celebration game on Monday, August 23**. During the pregame festivities, children 12 and under will parade around the Fluor Field's warning track.

Summer Reading, a tradition at Greenville County Library System since the 1930s, enticed children to not only read this summer, but to also enjoy other library activities such as crafts, concerts and special entertainers. With the generous support of our sponsors, thousands of prizes were earned.

Youth Services Manager, Karen Allen, commented on the 2010 summer reading success, saying "We had a phenomenal summer! Over 13,500 children and teens participated in our summer reading program this year, giving us a whopping 30% increase over last year. Summer readers were especially encouraged by the fantastic selection of incentives provided by our sponsors."

In addition to the Greenville Drive, Chick-fil-A, Michelin North America, Inc., AT&T and the Greenville County Recreation District continued with their phenomenal support. Summer Reading kicked off with a packed performance by Roger Day thanks to the support from Friends of the Greenville County Library System and Rita's Ice.

IMPORTANT: Qualifying readers in the library's Summer Reading Program who received a voucher for a ticket to the Greenville Drive game on August 23 should exchange that voucher for a reserved seat ticket at the Drive Box Office as soon as possible, as tickets are subject to availability. If participants cannot attend the August 23 game, they are invited to exchange their vouchers for any remaining Sunday-Wednesday 2010 regular season game.

About the Greenville County Library System:

Founded in 1921, the Greenville County Library System operates 11 facilities, a bookmobile, and a website that provide information, materials, and engaging programs delivered with world-class technology and a customer-centric approach. The Library System offers free access to resources and experiences and continually strives to be the community's destination of choice for exploring the world. For more information, visit the Library's website at www.greenvillelibrary.org.

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